

Nativity

Lutheran Church & School

OCTOBER 11, 2020

*"Father, forgive them;
for they do not know
what they are doing."*

*Celebrating God's Love, Transforming Lives... Through
Worship, Education, Fellowship and Service*



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship. It is so good to be here with you in the Lord's presence this morning. You could be elsewhere, but you chose to be here. The Lord is pleased, and I am grateful. We are observing safe community gathering practices at this time. Please respect one another with social distancing during and after worship.

For the time being we will not sing the hymns, so that we may limit forceful breathing. You are encouraged to read, and/or hum. Thank you for adhering to these temporary measures to ensure everyone's health in this period of pandemic awareness.

PRELUDE

REVIEN

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

#589, verses 1, 4 & 5

"ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING"

1 All depends on our possessing
God's free grace and constant blessing,
though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
by their God are not forsaken and will keep a dauntless
heart.

4 Well you know what best to grant me;
all the longing hopes that haunt me,
joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt your wisdom never;
as you will, so be it ever; I commit to you my way.

5 If on earth my days should lengthen,
God, my weary soul still strengthen;
all my trust in you I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding;
like a stream away it's gliding;
safe I anchor in your grace.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Faithful God of an unfaithful people, the people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

READING

EXODUS 32:1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ²Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have

seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 23:34

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 23rd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

P: ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. 5

SERMON

HYMN

#343, VERSES 1-3

“MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN”

- 1 My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith
in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He
was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and
born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He
descended into hell. On the third day he rose
again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at**

the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION/OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, Pastor will say:

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Feel free to share the peace with your brothers and sisters in Christ while respecting each other's physical space.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.

Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome forward for the Lord's Supper. Pastor Steve will wear a mask and disinfect his hands with an alcohol based hand sanitizer before handling the bread and wine for blessing and distribution. Both bread and wine are on the altar and covered until communion begins. Pastor Steve will hand you the bread and you will take a prefilled wine cup and dispose of it in basket.

Please stand.

THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION/BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#804, VERSES 1, 3 & 4

"COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE"

- 1 Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear and kindle it,
thy holy flame bestowing.

- 3 Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing--
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love's grace
till it become the place wherein
the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

CLOSING PRAYER

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

HANDEL

“HORN AND TRUMPET”

***OFFERING PLATES ARE ON SMALL TABLES BEFORE
THE STEPS HEADING OUT, THANK YOU.***

The Staff of Nativity:

Pastor Steve Winsor

Pia Heiser, School Director

John Shepherd, Music Director

Kari Donnelly, Office Manager

***SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY
10/18 FOLLOWING 9:30 WORSHIP***

At the 10/04 Special Congregational Meeting a motion was passed to amend and postpone a vote on the sale of a portion of Nativity's property to a meeting two weeks later on 10/18/20. On Sunday 10/18 following 9:30 worship there will be a congregational meeting to hear, discuss and vote on the following options:

- Sale of approximately 3 acres of our 5-acre parcel.
- Sale of the entire 5-acre parcel.

This meeting is open to all voting members.

A Zoom link with an on-line voting option will be made available for those who cannot be physically present.

Please be in prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts towards what is best for Christ's church.

***REMEMBER TO CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE TO RSVP
YOUR SEAT FOR SUNDAY'S WORSHIP EVERY WEEK.***

Choose your service and call or email to reserve your seat. Please call the office at 622-4998 Tuesday through Friday before each Sunday between the hours of 10am and 3pm or email kari@pbnativity.com.

Also if you are able to help check people in, take temperatures, set up communion or sanitize between services, please sign up for a Sunday on the list on Kari's desk. WE REALLY NEED HELP WITH THESE SHORT TASKS! Thank you.

Altar Flowers

This week's flowers are in memory of Carol Schmidt given by Bob, Mike and Tori.

Statistics:

Attendance 10/4: 9:30-33, 11am-9

Tithes & Offerings 9/27: \$2,305

Other Gifts:

Capital Fund: \$20

Mission Investment Fund: \$50

FL/Bahamas Synod Tech Grant: \$2,000

Thank you for your continued generous support!

Happy Birthday This Week To:

10/11 MAKENAH ROGERS

10/17 JORDAN STELICHA

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

Nativity Lutheran Church & School families...

OUR FALL FUNDRAISER STARTS TODAY!

The funds generated will benefit EVERY student.

We have a great selection of products for your friends, family, and coworkers to choose from.

Our goal is for everyone to participate, whether large or small.

What's New This Year

This year's sale is an online only sale. All product orders are placed online and delivered to the shipping address provided. You will not receive a catalog and order form as in past sales.

Once an order has been placed online, expect order processing and shipping within two weeks of order placement. Your product should deliver within a week of shipment.

How To Register Online

You can send emails to out of town family and friends, post to Social Media, and track online sales!

- Visit www.fundraisingshoppingcart.com
- Go to **Seller Registration** & Use School ID: **S0243270**
- Complete Student Information and submit to receive your student's personal seller ID

****Make Note of Your Seller ID Here*** 00566688

- Online orders delivered directly to the shipping address provided.

Thank You For Your Support!

Orders should be placed by 10/16/2020

If you have any questions please call Midland Fund Raising Customer Support at (800) 211-5978

BIBLE, BAGELS AND BREW

Join Pastor Steve and friends at 9:30AM on Tuesday mornings for a time of devotion, prayer, and study of the coming Sunday's biblical readings. Masks and COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

YOUTH GROUP FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Middle and High School youth have begun meeting again on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM. We share a meal together, have some fun and devote time to hearing of God's loving word. We gather next Sunday, October 18. Masks and COVID-19 precautions will be observed.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

Quarterly daily devotionals are available to you in the church office free of charge.

SANDWICH MAKING THIS SATURDAY

Saturday, October 17, we will gather in the reception area of the church to make sandwiches to help feed the needy. Approximately ten people are needed at 9am to prepare and package the sandwiches. If you want to help Saturday, October 17 contact Nancy Steffen @ 561-281-4353.



SANDWICH MAKING

2nd Saturday Take Home Sandwich Making will be November 13th, pick up and November 14th drop off.

Here's how it works. We put into a kit all the ingredients you need to make 55 sandwiches. You pick up the kits Friday at 1 PM (the 2nd Friday of each month), put the sandwiches together at home and return them to Nativity at 9:30 am on (the 2nd Saturday of each month). We deliver them to St. George's, along with healthy granola bars instead of cookies.

If you are interested, you can use the signup genius on Nativity's website or email kari@pbnativity.com for the link to be sent to you.



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